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To Lord (John) McFall of Alcluith,
Lord Speaker, House of Lords
London SW1A 0PW

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Dear Lord McFall,

As citizens and campaigners from many different walks of life and experiences we have come together with XR Peace this April, to raise awareness of the military causes and impacts of climate chaos and take action for peace, disarmament and real security.

In conjunction with the urgent demands from Extinction Rebellion's TBO Unite to Survive events, XR Peace calls on you to take urgent action to reduce nuclear and military dangers and build real and sustainable security for humanity's peace and survival in the future.

We are calling on the British Parliament and you, as House of Lords Speaker along with all Peers, to lead the way towards genuine defence and security. We want you to prioritise resources to develop and use effective peace-building approaches and skills, and to enable the UK to address the causes of insecurity and resolve problems and conflicts without escalating armed violence or using inhumane weapons.

As the risks of threatening and using nuclear weapons become clearer and more immediate in the context of today's wars, it has become even more of a humanitarian imperative for nuclear-armed leaders – including here in Britain – **to sign and implement the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.** As we work with all nations to accelerate the elimination of the nine nuclear arsenals in the world, Britain has an important role to play, including contributing nuclear disarmament, dismantlement and verification jobs and skills.

Pending the achievement of these urgent objectives for human survival, real security, environmental protection and climate justice, we call on you to prioritise the following necessary steps:

- End investments and subsidies for companies that develop, make and sell inhumane weapons, from guns and bombs to nuclear missiles and other weapons of mass destruction (WMD);
- Measure and publish annual military greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;
- Stop providing permissions and funding for further nuclear power plants and weapons;
- End fossil fuel and nuclear dependencies, and raise awareness about the serious humanitarian, climate and environmental dangers of deploying these technologies for weapons and power.

In hope and peace,

XR Peace Council members

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